

City of Wichita 2016 Legislative Agenda

Federal & State Updates

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Government Relations

New Strategy in 2015

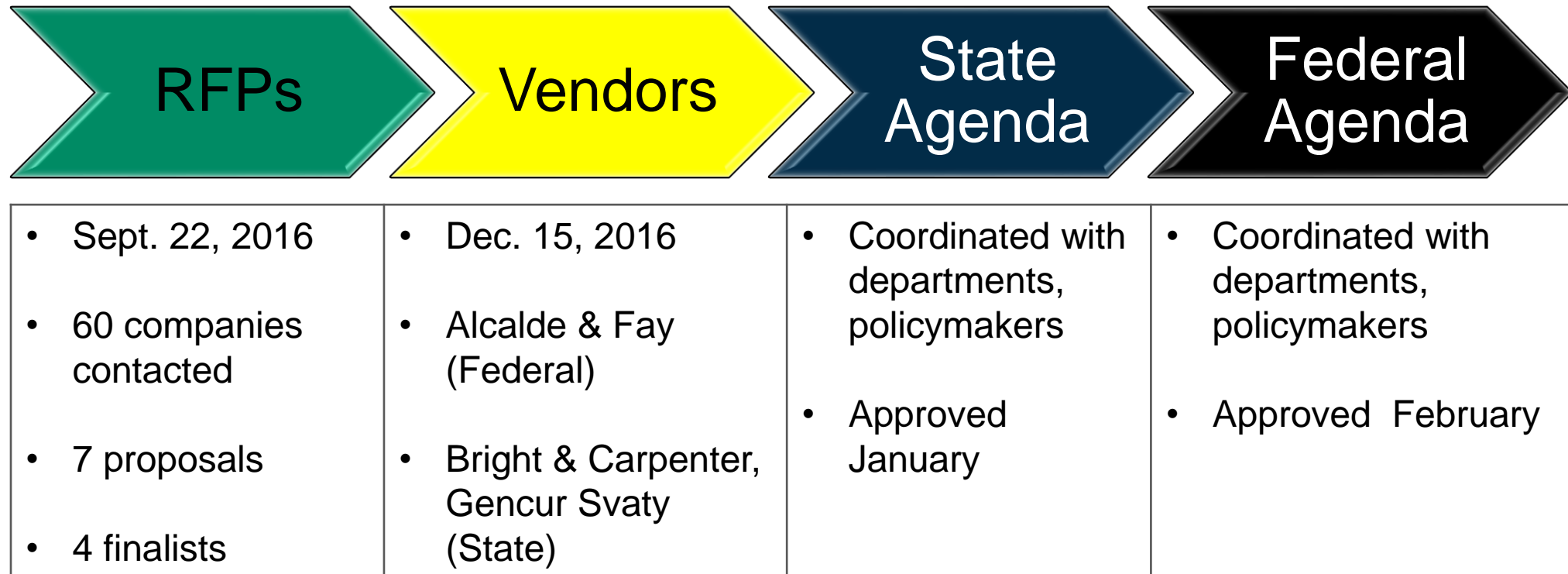
- External vendor support of Federal & State lobbying services

Goals:

- Increase expertise, effectiveness, efficiency
- Work with City departments to identify issues/programs/grants
- Coordinate development of legislative agendas, meetings with officials



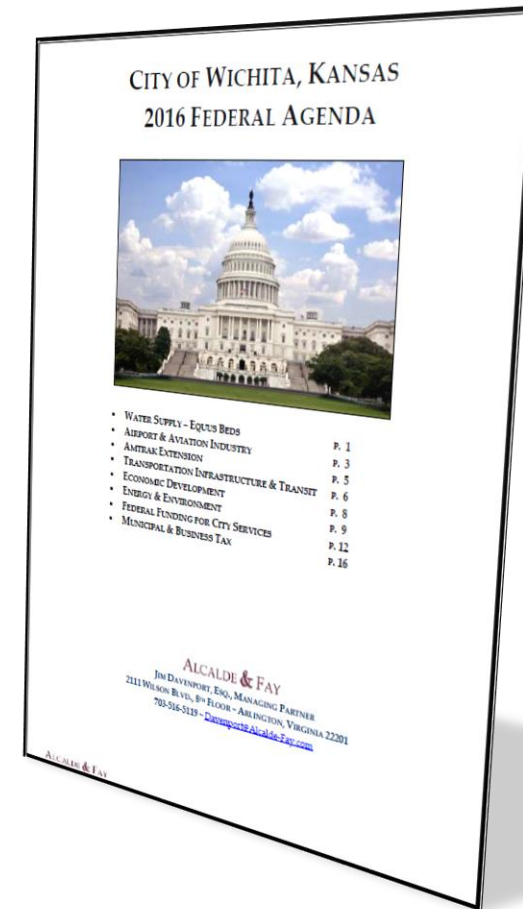
Review



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

2016 Federal Agenda

- Water Supply – Equus Beds
- Airport/Aviation
- Amtrak Extension
- Transportation/Transit
- Econ. Development
- Energy/Environment
- Federal Funding City Services
- Municipal & Business Tax

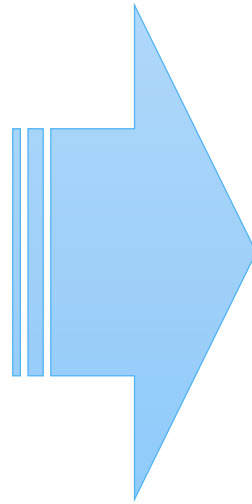


Washington D.C. Visit



Congressional City Conference

- Mar. 5-7, 2016



Visits to the Hill

- Mar. 8-9
- Meetings arranged by Alcalde & Fay
- Met with elected officials from Kansas
- Productive discussions with Congressional staff, Federal agencies

Issues, Programs, Funding

Meetings:

- Sen. Moran, staff
- Sen. Roberts, staff
- Congressman Pompeo's staff
- U.S. DOT/TIGER office
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Econ. Development Admin.
- Senate Energy & Natural Resources Comm.



Kansas Legislative Session

Election Year

- 125 House seats up for election
- 40 Senate seats up
- 4 Congressional seats and 1 US Senate seat

Statehouse Issues in 2016

- Budget
- Tax Policy
- Education
- Local Government



Kimberly Svaty
Gencur Svaty Public Affairs

It has been estimated that ½ of all bills filed impact Local Governments

Issues

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Cultural Arts District

Entertainment District

Economic Development programs

Export Promotion

WATC/NCAT

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Body Camera Records

Driving While Suspended Lookback

Issues

FINANCE/TAX

Property Tax Lid

Sales Tax Exemptions

Sales Tax Distribution

Property Taxation Payment Plan/Deferrals

□ *New*

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Local Control/Home Rule

Annexation

Blight

“Fast Pass” (Security Passes for City Hall)

Elections

Insurance Proceeds

Public Lobbying

Election Signage

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Property Taxation Payment Plan/Deferrals

City opposes on Home Rule grounds but has been working with proponents on amendments.

Mitigating issues:

- Implementation timeline
- Exemptions for new construction including rehabilitation projects

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Issues

Passes for non-employees at City Hall, County Courthouses

- Working in partnership with Sedgwick County
- Process to “pre-check” people with frequent city/county business
- Not forced to wait in line

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Issues

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Wichita Water Planning

Water Regulatory Remedies

Groundwater Water Rights

Wireless Tower Siting

TRANSPORTATION

Passenger Rail

Transportation Funding

Speed Limit Increase

□ *New*

Issues

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Wichita Water Planning

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Wireless Tower Siting

Alan King, Dir. City of Wichita PW&U, testified recently about:

- Wichita Water Sources
- Drought Planning
- Wichita's investments to save the Equus Beds for all users

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Wireless Tower Siting

Wichita is opposed to this “one size fits all approach” but has worked with wireless companies to mitigate some concerns.

The current permit process works to balance all interests:

- Residents
- Property owners
- Telecom companies
- Economic Development

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